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TRUE BRITISH BOXING.

IN NEXT SATURDAY'S NUMBER
OF THE
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WILL APPEAR

a Magnificent Engraving of one of the most stirring battles of the olden time, fought at Odham, in 1788, between

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On an oak stage of 24 feet square. This Engraving will also represent faithful portraits of some of the most distinguished Noblemen and Gentlemen who patronised Pugilism in the middle of the Eighteenth century.

Also, will be given next week, a first-class bust of

DANIEL MENDOZA,

The CHAMPION of the P.R. in 1792.

ORDER EARLY OF ANY NEWSAGENT IN TOWN OR COUNTRY.

SHOOTING PROSPECTS FOR THE MOORS.

GROUSE.—Our Glenshee correspondent says:—The last few days have been very favourable to the grouse. In about seven or eight days at the farthest the young birds will have clipped the shell. In all directions where we have lately been, as respects the number of nests, we have received but one and the same opinion, which is,

that on the lower grounds they are most numerous, and the eggs average from seven to nine. We have not heard of the slightest trace of disease, nor seen one single dead bird. On the higher hills nests are much scarcer, while on the highest they are hardly to be met with, which unusual circumstance can be accounted for only by the weather continuing so long cold and stormy, and the hills being snow-covered at the time of nest building.

Our Strathbrann correspondent says:—It is reported that a disease has broken out among the grouse here, as well as in the neighbourhood, and that large numbers of birds are to be found dead on the hills. The dead birds are found to be very much emaciated, and some even found dead on their nests. The prospect of sport in August is not, in the meantime, very encouraging, though, till now, grouse were said to be very plentiful.

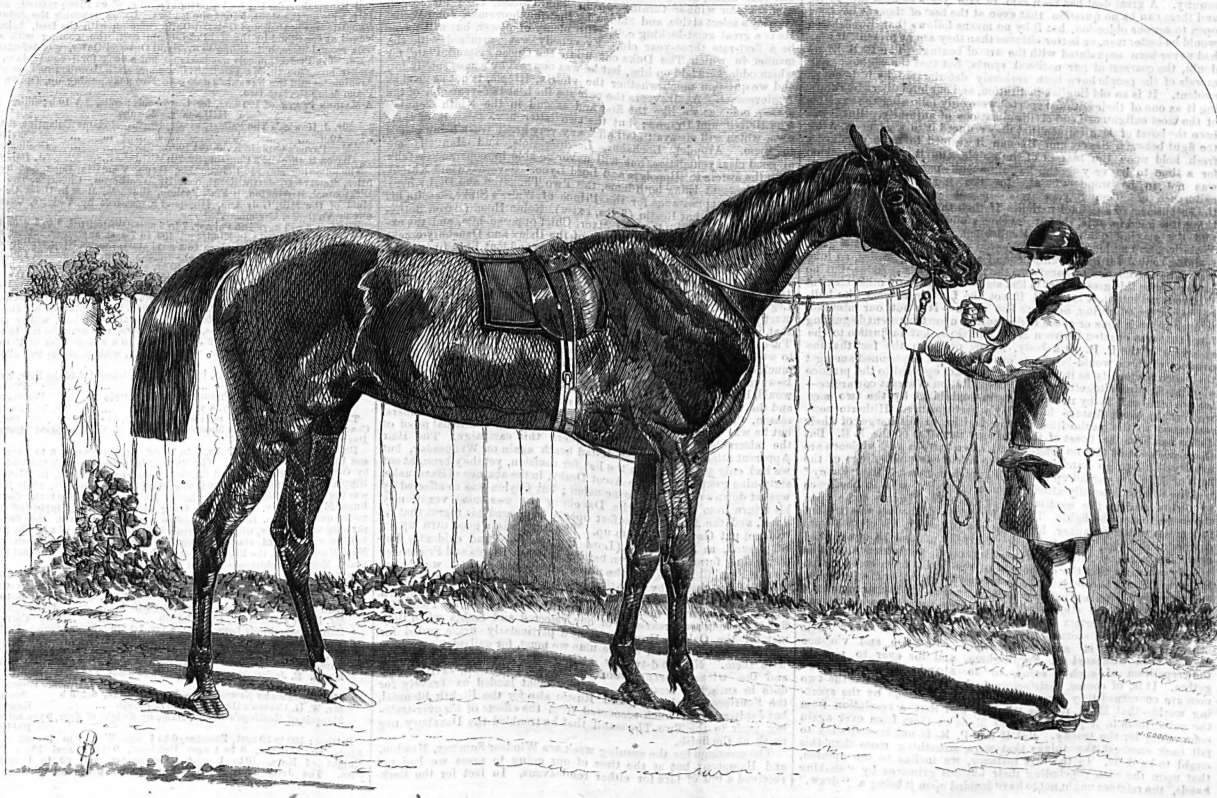
Our Glenquich correspondent says that good sport would be had in August was two or three weeks ago confidently expected. But as matters now look, the prospect is by no means encouraging, for a disease has made its appearance among the grouse, and great numbers are to be found dead on the moors. Mortality among grouse during the hatching season is sure to make their number small in autumn; and, for one bird dying at present, a loss of at least three or four may be reckoned upon at the time the sportsman takes the field.—*Perthshire Journal*

PTARMIGAN.—Since our last we have been enabled to glean some particulars about ptarmigan about the hills of the extreme north-west of Forfarshire and south-west slopes of Aberdeenshire. The birds this year will have to shift many of their usual building grounds, and seek other haunts, on account of the great depth of snow which still shrouds many of the mountains. The birds build their nests under the topmost shelves of the highest rocks; they are but beginning to build at the present time, bringing out their young generally from about the 15th to the 20th of June, the time of incubation being the same as with the grouse—twenty-one days. Ptarmigan is of the grouse species,

but smaller and lighter; in winter the plumage is of a bright snowy whiteness, at this season it is of a fine slate colour, or bluish; its food is of the same description as that of the grouse, the flesh being more delicate. The under-mentioned places are usually favourite building stances on the Grampians, which this year are closed to the birds:—The Cairns of Glashie, and the whole of Glasmuir, the two highest mountains in Forfarshire, situated N.E. from all sides of Loch-an-Gar. The birds are excluded from most parts of the Cairnwell. The following frequent resorts are open for building:—The shelves all round Loch Esk and Loch Callater, the hill of Car-a-voose—a large arm of the Glasmuir branching into Aberdeenshire; they can build also upon Monagie, Cairnloch, and Cairness. Another favourite place for the ptarmigan—namely, Gruar's Gutter—is also free of snow. It is a wild, high, rugged, bare peak, so designated from an individual of that name being dashed over the rocks, and falling a thousand feet below, his body, when discovered, presenting a frightful appearance. Gruar was in pursuit of ptarmigan when he met his untimely fate. At Glasmuir and adjacent hills the snow still lies in many places to the depth of twenty feet.—*Perthshire Journal*

GLENSHEE.—The shooting-lodges in Glenshee are now all engaged for the season. Colonel Ross holds the Craig of Broughdair, with part of Lord Arkle's ground; Mr. Smith, as usual, returns to Finagand; Mr. Walker has taken Glen Killy, the hill of Dunney, Whitehouse, Braeside, and Borland; Jasper Robertson, Esq., has the house or Cray, with hill attached; Mr. McLachlan returns to occupy the cottage of Mount Blair, and the western slope of the hill. A party of ten Irish gentlemen have engaged the Spittal Hill, Glen Callater, Badach, Cornsallach, with Lochs Na-Nean, Bradachan, and Callater.

The colours of Mr. Maund are altered to white, green sleeves and cap.



TORMENTOR, WINNER OF THE OAKS STAKES, 1866. (Drawn by Ben Herring, Esq.)

Marquis of Hastings's Black Prince, by Knight of Kars, 3 yrs. Oct 6th - Phillips 0
 Betting: 100 to 30 agst Forester, 6 to 1 agst War, 7 to 1 each agst Love
 Apple and Lucifer, 8 to 1 agst Dulcimer, 9 to 1 agst Black Prince b
 Knight of Kars, 10 to 1 agst Chronometer, and 20 to 1 agst Hase
 deen. The latter two sold out the work attended by Forester

CRICKET.

THE ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS
CRICKET SCORE SHEETS.

In deference to the urgent request of a vast number of our cricketing friends in the provinces, we have resolved upon giving, throughout the SUMMER SEASON, a score sheet on our FIFTEENTH PAGE, for the accommodation of those officials who feel desirous of forwarding to us a full return of their respective matches. The page can be separated from the newspaper, without the binding thereof being interfered with. We trust that the introduction of so novel a feature will prove naturally beneficial, as we shall always be pleased to report the results of all matches in which our subscribers are interested.

FIXTURES FOR THE PRESENT MONTH.

- 2, at Putney, Incegni v Springfield
- 2, at Rugby, Rugby School v University College, Oxford
- 2, at Harrow, MCC and Ground v Harrow School
- 4, at Lord's, MCC and Ground v the County of Hants
- 4, at Southgate, Surrey Club and Ground v Southgate (return)
- 4, at the Oval, Surrey Club and Ground v County of Essex
- 4, at Islington, Middlesex v Cambridgeshire
- 4, at Peterborough, USEE v Twenty-two Peterborough and District
- 4, at Rosemary Branch, Incegni v Guy's Hospital
- 4, at Oxford, Gentlemen of Warwickshire v University of Oxford
- 4, at Rugby, Rugby School v Cammock Club
- 4, at Woolwich, RA v Sevenoaks Club
- 5, at Navestock, Incegni v West Essex
- 5, at Battersea Park, Civil Service v House of Commons
- 5, at Oxford, Free Foresters v Balliol College
- 6, at Greenhithe, Gravesend Second Eleven v Incegni Club
- 6, at Hampton Wick, East Ham v Hampton Wick
- 6, at Richmond, Richmond Club v Odds and Ends
- 6, at Streatham, Upper Tooling Club v Streatham
- 7, at Elton, Free Foresters v Eton College
- 7, at Lord's, MCC and Ground v Tonbridge School
- 7, at Peckham-rye, Peckham-rye Standard v Hayes
- 7, at Harrow, USEE v Twenty Harrow Club
- 7, at King's Lynn—All England Eleven v Twenty-two King's Lynn and District

- 21, at Lord's, MCC v Royal Artillery
- 21, at Brighton, Gentlemen of Sussex v Gentlemen of Kent
- 21, at the Oval, Surrey v Oxford University
- 21, at Broughton, All-England Eleven v Eighteen Broughton Club and Ground
- 21, at Colchester, Colchester Club v Cambridge Electorates
- 21, at Blackheath, Clapton Club v Blackheath
- 21, at Battersea Park, Civil Service v The Clubs
- 21, at Cassiobury Park, Anomalies v Cassiobury
- 21, at Putney, Peckham-rye Standard v Springfield
- 21, at York, Yorkshire Gentlemen's Club v Northumberland
- 21, at Chipping Norton, USEE v Twenty-two Chipping Norton and District
- 21, at Birmingham, United AEE v Twenty-two of Birmingham Club
- 21, at Seaford, All-England Eleven v Twenty-two Seaford and District
- 21, at Lord's, Incegni v Gravesend and Milton
- 21, at Rugby, Rugby School v Rugby Club
- 21, at the Oval, Surrey Club and Ground v Cheltenham College
- 21, at Dulgarre, Carmarthenhire v Breconshire
- 21, at Upton Park, Civil Service v Cricket Company
- 21, at Islington, Middlesex Club v Incegni
- 21, at Liverpool, Denbighshire v Liverpool Club
- 21, at Tooting, Upper Tooling Club v Marlborough College
- 21, at the Oval, Gentlemen v Players
- 21, at Newark, All-England Eleven v Eighteen Newark and District
- 21, at Bury St. Edmunds, Gentlemen of Suffolk v Gentlemen of Essex
- 21, at Battersea Park, Civil Service v Free Foresters
- 21, at Peckham-rye, Peckham-rye Standard v 1st Surrey R.F.C.
- 21, at Woolwich, RA v Quiddens
- 21, at Peckham, East Surrey Club v Guy's Hospital
- 21, at Wimbledon, Richmond Club v Wimbledon
- 21, at Clapton, Clapton Club v Clapton
- 21, at Aldershot, UAEE v Twenty-two Officers of the Division of Aldershot
- 21, at Lord's, Rugby School v Marlborough College
- 21, at the Crystal Palace, Incegni v Crystal Palace

UNITED SOUTH OF ENGLAND ELEVEN v. TWENTY-TWO
OF CHARLTON (KENT) AND DISTRICT.

The above match was played at Charlton on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, when it was concluded, the United South winning by nine wickets. Score:—

CHARLTON.		1st inn.	2nd inn.
W. McCanlis c Payne b Lillywhite	21	b Lillywhite	8
Sutton, not out	0	c Cesar b Griffith	0

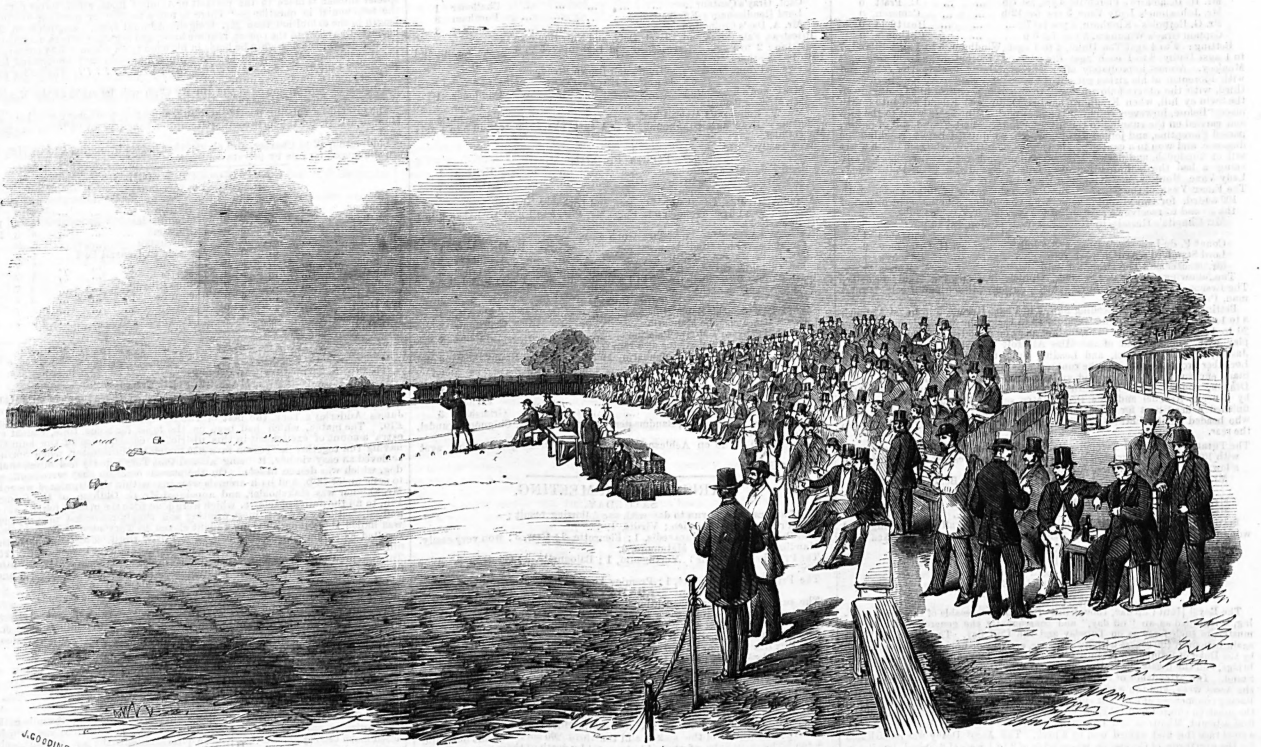
THE MARYLEBONE CLUB AND THE NORTHERN PLAYERS.

At a committee meeting of the Marylebone Club on May 21, the following resolutions were passed, the immediate cause being the refusal of the Northern Players to take part in the match against the South on July 2, at Lord's:—
"1. That as the committee must decline to enter into the disputes among the professionals, or to take the part either of Northern or Southern Players, another eleven be selected to play in that match."
"2. That the selection of Players for the match, Gentlemen v. Players, having been considered in reference to the refusal of the Northern Players to meet the Southern men, the Players in all matches at Lord's be selected from those who are willing to play together in a friendly manner in the matches on that ground."

GENTLEMEN OF KENT v. THIRTEEN OF GRAVESEND CLUB.

This match was commenced at Gravesend on Friday, and terminated on Saturday, the following being the result:—

GRAVESEND.		1st inn.	2nd inn.
Captain Taylor b Kelson	8	b Kelson	21
C. Randon b Kelson	8	b Jenkins	1
W. Page b W. S. Norton	15	not out	31
W. J. Baker c B. Norton b W. S. Norton	3	c and b Jenkins	2
P. Norton	3	c Shaw b Jenkins	3
P. Hilton c Churchward b W. S. Norton	3	b Jenkins	4
M. A. Troughton c Shaw b Kelson	17	c Churchward b W. S. Norton	0
D. Sherman c and b W. S. Norton	60	not out	0
F. Clifford b Kelson	10	b Jenkins	12
T. Hopper c Wright b White	0	run out	7
Capt. Hon. R. V. Dillon b Kelson	4	c Kelson b W. S. Norton	0
R. French b White	3	b Kelson	0
Lieut.-Col. Stewart	14	b Jenkins	1
Hopper	14	b Jenkins	1



ARISTOCRATIC PIGEON SHOOTING.

- 7, at the Oval, Surrey Club and Ground v MCC and Ground (return)
- 7, at Newport Pagnell, Hants v Bucks
- 7, at Oxford, Free Foresters v Christ Church College
- 7, at Battersea, Civil Service v West Kent
- 7, at Notting Hill, Clapton Club v Kensington Park
- 9, at Southgate, Surrey Club v Southgate
- 9, at Elton, Free Foresters v Eton College
- 9, at Epsom, Incegni v Epsom
- 9, at Peckham, East Surrey Club v Parkfield
- 9, at Putney, Springfield Club v Wandsworth
- 10, at York, Yorkshire Gentlemen's Club v Notts
- 11, at Hornsea, United AEE v Twenty-two of Hornsea
- 11, at Lord's, MCC and Ground v University of Cambridge (return)
- 11, at the Oval, County of Sussex v County of Surrey
- 11, at Heckmondwike, All-England Eleven v Twenty-two Heckmondwike and District
- 11, at Colchester, Civil Service v The Camp
- 11, at Winchester, Anomalies v Winchester College
- 12, at Blackheath, Gentlemen of Sussex v Royal Artillery
- 12, at Rickling Green, MCC and Ground v Rickling Green
- 12, at Merthyr Mawr, Carmarthenhire v Glamorganhire
- 12, at Chislehurst, RA v West Kent
- 12, at Lord's, MCC and Ground v University of Oxford (return)
- 12, at Rugby, Present v Old Rugbians
- 14, at Islington, Middlesex Club v Richmond
- 14, at Ashton-under-Lyne, All-England Eleven v Eighteen Gentlemen and two professionals
- 14, at Clapton, Upper Tooling Club v Clapton
- 14, at Lord's, MCC and Ground v University of Oxford (return)
- 14, at Woolwich, Gentlemen of Sussex v Royal Artillery
- 14, at the Oval, Surrey v Cambridge University
- 14, at Derham, Gentlemen of Suffolk v Gentlemen of Norfolk
- 14, at Peckham-rye, Peckham-rye Standard v Camden Club
- 14, at Battersea Park, Civil Service v Household Brigade
- 15, at Gravesend, Cobham v Quiddens
- 15, at Southgate, Southgate v Quiddens
- 15, at Lord's, Springfield Club v Oakland
- 15, at Blackheath, East Surrey Club v Morden
- 17, at Lord's, MCC and Ground v the County of Devon
- 17, at Cheltenham, Yorkshire Gentlemen's Club v Cheshire
- 17, at Cheltenham, All-England Eleven v Twenty-two Gloucester and District
- 18, at Worcester, All-England Eleven v County of Kent
- 18, at Brighton, County of Sussex v County of Cambridge
- 18, at Lord's—Bus Universitatis: Oxford v Cambridge
- 18, at Hertford, USEE v Twenty-two Hertford Town Club
- 18, at Bradford, Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire (return)
- 21, at Thorne, near Doncaster, United AEE v Twenty of Thorne and District, with two bowlers
- 21, at Trent Bridge Ground, County of Notts v County of Middlesex

W. Ledham's Pooley b Griffith	6	c Griffith b Lillywhite	1
C. B. Wickham, E-q, b Willsher	0	b Lillywhite	0
C. Jolly b Willsher	0	b Griffith	0
G. Baker c Jupp b Griffith	11	b Griffith	1
J. Ward b Willsher	3	b Griffith	0
H. Crawford c and b Griffith	3	b Pooley b Griffith	0
Capt. Gibbs c Mudie b Griffith	2	b Lillywhite	21
E. Coppinger b Willsher	2	b Lillywhite	1
Brown b Willsher	0	b Griffith b Lillywhite	0
A. Staines c and b Griffith	0	c Cesar b Griffith	4
J. Tibbels c Pooley b Griffith	0	b Griffith	0
W. Coppinger's Pooley b Griffith	0	c Bennett b Lillywhite	0
E. Knight b Willsher	3	c Mudie b Lillywhite	0
Clark b Griffith	5	c Pooley b Griffith	0
R. Greenwood c Mudie b Griffith	0	c Humphrey b Lillywhite	2
J. Ledham b Willsher	1	white	0
A. Newell b Griffith	1	s Pooley b Griffith	1
J. McCurdy c Lillywhite b Griffith	0	not out	3
J. Bell b Griffith	2	c Jupp b Griffith	0
Frost b Griffith	5	absent	0
W 4, l 1	76	B 2	2

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Humphrey's Jolly b Baker	56	not out	12
Jupp c Baker b Sutton	21	b Coppinger	1
Bennett b Baker	8	not out	4
Payne b Baker	0	not out	0
Pooley 1 b w b Coppinger	8	not out	0
Lillywhite, jun., c McCanlis b Baker	6	not out	0
Charlwood c Crawford b Baker	0	not out	0
Cesar c McCanlis b Baker	0	not out	0
Mudie, not out	5	not out	0
Willsher b Baker	5	not out	0
W 6, b 10	138	W 1	1

Umpires—Messrs. J. Haines and W. Mortlock.

R. B. Montgomery not out	0	b W. S. Norton	10
B 13, l b 8	21	l b 1, w b 4	5
	166		100

GENTLEMEN OF KENT.

J. M. Shaw c and b Randon	12	b Page	11
B. Norton b Page	2	c Hilton b Randon	4
G. M. Kelson b Page	21	b Page	26
E. A. White c Sherman b Page	5	l b w b Randon	2
W. S. Norton c Page b Randon	9	c Clifford b Troughton	17
G. Hildbrand c Hilton b Randon	14	b Page	12
A. Churchward b Page	0	c Randon	25
A. Hopper c French b Randon	16	not out	7
A. White c and b Page	3	b Page	6
W. H. Jenkins not out	3	c Montgomery b Page	3
J. Wright b Page	7	l b 2, w b 1	3
B 3, l b 3, w b 1	7		
Total	106		140

TOWER HAMLETS (SECOND ELEVEN) v. PERSEVERANCE.—On Saturday this match came off in Victoria Park. The Tower Hamlets scored 94, and beat the Finbury team, who made 34 runs.

GROSVENOR (SECOND ELEVEN) v. HAROVER.—These clubs contended at the Rosemary Branch ground on Saturday. Following are the scores: Harover, 54 and 22 (with five wickets down); Grosvenor, 85.

EUSTON UNITED v. BERTHA.—The match between these clubs commenced on Saturday at Tufnell Park. When time was called, the show exhibited the improvement in horses, or viewed in a different sense, the show early part of the week a circumstance arose which was calculated to engender bad feeling, yet at the conclusion of the show the exhibitors in a body waited upon the secretary, and expressed their high satisfaction at the general arrangements. It is computed that very nearly 100,000 persons visited the show.

CLOSE OF THE METROPOLITAN HORSE SHOW.—Friday was the closing day of the great Metropolitan Horse Show. Washier regarded as a man for exhibiting the improvement in horses, or viewed in a different sense, the show early part of the week a circumstance arose which was calculated to engender bad feeling, yet at the conclusion of the show the exhibitors in a body waited upon the secretary, and expressed their high satisfaction at the general arrangements. It is computed that very nearly 100,000 persons visited the show.

POULTRY AND PIGEONS.

FORTHCOMING POULTRY AND BIRD SHOWS.
SALISBURY.—(Bath and West of England Agricultural Society).—June 4 to 8, Horses, Agricultural and Horticultural Implements and Produce, Poultry and Pigeons. Entries closed.
BRISTOL.—(Hants and Dorset Agricultural Society).—June 15. Sec. Mr. H. DOWNS, Bathwick. Entries closed.
REY. ST. EDWARDS (Suffolk Agricultural Association).—July 6. Sec. Mr. B. D. Bond, Ipswich. Entries close Aug. 10.
CHICHESTER.—July 18. Poultry, Ducks, and Turkeys. Sec. Mr. W. Bowly, Biddington House. Entries close June 23.
KINGSWOOD. (near Bath).—June 22. Hon. Secs. Messrs Lambert and Young. Entries close Aug. 15.
HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.—Latter end of August. Chickens of 1867. Hon. Secs. W. Lavery, St. Leonards.
STOCKTON-ON-TYNE (Tyne and Wear Agricultural Society).—Sept. 19 and 20. Horses, Poultry, Farm and Dairy Produce. Sec. Mr. H. J. Curry. Entries close Aug. 29.
LOVE SEPTON.—Oct. 10. Hon. Secs. Mr. George Clarke. Entries close September 20.
CHICHESTER.—Oct. 16 and 17. Hon. Secs. Messrs. Fred H. Meggy and T. J. Saltmarsh, Chichester.
IPSWICH.—Nov. 6 and 7. Hon. Secs. Mr. W. B. Jeffries and Mr. G. Bales.
NEW SHORHAM.—Nov. 12 to 15. Poultry, Pigeons, and Canaries. Hon. Secs. Mr. C. Cook.

BIRMINGHAM SHOW.—At the annual meeting of the council held last week the prize lists were revised, and it was stated that the Poultry Bay at Bingley Hall having been let to the Athletic Club, it was decided to make a new entrance to the bay, and to remove the pens. The Poultry Committee were requested to obtain designs and estimates for new portable pens. A new regulation was inserted in the prize list, giving increased prizes to the exhibitors in the management of the exhibitions. The amount of money offered in prizes at the next show was continued the same as before, being nearly £2000.

FAILURES IN HATCHING.—We have received many letters respecting the failures that so often occur in hatching. The determination of the cause is a puzzling one to the oldest fanciers and the youngest tyroses in gallinaceous lore. We really know but little about the subject. It is true that we are able to state with certainty that eggs that have not been fertilised remain perfectly clear, and, by examining the batch egg by egg against a candle, can be readily detected at the end of a week, when they should be removed to afford more space and warmth for the others; but of the cause of certain eggs laid by the same hen being fertile and others sterile, we know no more than we do of the cause of some seeds in a pea-pod being fertilised and others not. Again, why chickens should die formed in the shells, or why, if fully developed, they should not have power to burst their prison, we cannot tell. It is all very well to say that birds in an artificial state are not so fertile as those under more natural conditions, which is doubtless true. But this statement will not explain the ever-varying circumstances that puzzle the breeder. In one yard under our own immediate inspection, three white Cochins hens are running with a vigorous young cock. They have free range over grass and arable land, are fed without stint, and well housed. A month since one hen hatched out two wretched chickens from eleven eggs. This week another produces thirteen healthy chickens from thirteen eggs. The accommodation is the same now as then, and the weather has not been warmer; moreover, the advancing season would not account for the difference, as the earlier hatches from the eggs laid by the same hens were very fair. It appears one of those circumstances that in our present amount of knowledge does not admit of being satisfactorily explained. All we do know is the general rule that the more healthy and vigorous our stock birds, and the more nearly they are kept under natural conditions, having wholesome food, clean water, extensive run, cleanly kept roosting-houses, and all those conditions which conduce to vigorous health both in man and the lower animals, the more successful we shall be in hatching. The apparent slightness of the causes which influence the reproduction of animals is strongly evidenced by the fact that the greater number of wild animals do not breed in captivity, however closely we may endeavour to imitate artificially the natural conditions in which they are found.

BRUNSWICK POULTRY SHOW.—As it may interest our readers to be made acquainted with the progress of the poultry and pigeon fancy on the Continent, we have much pleasure in printing the schedule of the Brunswick Ornithological Society, the members of which will hold their fourth exhibition on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of June, under cover in the garden of Messrs. G. G. Thies, South Wilhelm-street, when prizes to the amount of 250 thalers will be offered, or the successful exhibitors can receive silver or bronze medals instead of the money prizes. The secretary is Herr C. H. Sicut, No. 6, on the Schilder. The classes are for Cochins, Chicks, yellow, red, brown, black, white, and cuckoo; Brahmas, Malay, Spanish, Fleche, Crevecoeur, Houdan, Breda, and Guelderland, Bergish crows, Brabanters, gold and silver Polish, white crested Polands, Sultans, game English and Indian, gold and silver (Campaner) penciled, gold and silver English pheasant fowls or morris, gold, silver, black, white, and game Bantams; English dwarfs, with or without tails; silky fowls, dunghill, and various classes, not before mentioned. Ducks—Rouen, Aylesbury, Swedish, and any other variety; Geese—Toulouse and native; turkeys; fancy fowls, as Guinea fowls, pheasants, and peafowl. For pigeons the classes are for long-beaked tumblers with white flights, white tails, white flight and tails, magpie, helmet, and other colours, and nuns; short-faced, as old Barlines and almonds; for turbits and owls of various colours, shouldered or tailed; jacobins, trumpeters, fantails, pouters, and barbs; Roman, Turkish, Bagdads, carriers, and Leghorns, and any varieties.

FATAL DISEASE AMONG GEES.—A new species of disease is destroying large flocks of young geese in the locality of Mitcham, Walton, and Wimbledon, and other parts of Surrey, where geese breeding is largely carried on. This disease, which hitherto was quite unknown among professional breeders, has been traced to the young geese with stumps, who are struggling about as if injured in their limbs. In a few hours whole broods are destroyed. Some ascribe the disease to be caused from the young broods eating grass affected by the easterly winds, and others announce it to be similar to the *Rinderpest*. The lately hatched young geese are next to fall victims to the fatal malady; and as most of the class of persons who rear geese are poor cottagers, who rely on this feathered produce as their summer harvest, the losses sustained seriously affect them, and may make these "Michaelmas dainties" scarce in the markets.

AN INCIDENT OF THE LATE DERBY.—The Pigeon versus the Telegraph.—A Licensed Victualler, near the Monument, visited the Derby, and took with him a pigeon, to send home the names of the first three horses in the race, and the numbers of the winning horses were hoisted before a slip of paper round the pigeon's neck and started it off on its journey home, where his friends were waiting its arrival. About seven minutes after the news was known by the arrival of the pigeon a neighbouring Licensed Victualler received a telegram from his friends on the racecourse to inform him of the result of the race. The news thus came more promptly by the pigeon than the telegraph by one-third of the time. This was no doubt on account of the senders of messages on the course having to wait their turn, as the news was received at Tattersall's three or four minutes after the race. The pigeon performed the journey in fourteen minutes, which is, allowing for the direct path in which it travels, about a mile per minute.

Athletic Sports.

Secretaries, &c., of Athletic Clubs are invited to favour us with particulars of fixtures, and other arrangements, of their respective Societies.

LONG ASHTON (BRISTOL) CRICKET CLUB SPORTS.

The first annual meeting for athletic sports in connection with this club took place in the Long Ashton Grounds, Bristol, on Saturday last, and attracted a large and fashionable assemblage. The arrangements were carried out in the most successful manner by the following gentlemen:—Messrs. F. Easton, T. Hardwick, O. Hardwick, G. Nichols, Newman, W. R. Stock, H. B. O'Donoghue, F. Cox, S. Morgan, W. Waite, &c., committee and stewards; W. Easton, secretary; T. Elliott, of the School of Arms, umpire; and Mr. P. Easton, clerk of the course. Amongst the well-known cricketers present were E. M. Grace, the celebrated batsman; and his brother, W. Gilbert Grace. They both took part in the sports, and carried off as many prizes as the rules admitted of. Gilbert Grace attracting much attention in throwing the cricket ball, and "E. M." in the flat races, his performance in which was remarkably good. The sports commenced at half-past one o'clock, the first item being the

Hurdle Race, 300 Yards, over 10 Flights of Hurdles.—W. G. Grace, West Gloucestershire and Clifton Clubs, 1; Lemon, Oakfield, 2; four started; won by thirty yards.

High Jump.—Lemon, Oakfield, 4ft 8in, 1; J. Smith, West End, 4ft 6in, 2; four contested.

Flat Race, 100 Yards.—E. M. Grace, West Gloucestershire and Clifton Clubs, 1; Godwin, Chipping Sodbury, 2; 10 started. The race was run in heats, the first of which was won by Grace and Godwin, and the second, after a sharp struggle, by Bush and Brown. In the



JEM GOLLAGHER, a Light Weight Metropolitan Pugilist.

final heat between these four Godwin had a strong lead, but "E. M." waiting till he made his effort about twenty yards from home, won in gallant style by two yds.; time 11sec.

Flat Race, Quarter of a Mile.—W. G. Grace, 1; W. J. Pocock, Clifton, 2; won by 5 yds.

Throwing the Sledge Hammer, weight 16lb.—W. Easton, Bodminster and Long Ashton, 1; Cousins, Bodminster, 2; seven contested.

Flat race, 200 Yards.—E. M. Grace, 1; Dayrell, Oakfield, 2; five started; E. M. Grace reserved himself for the finish, put on a spurt at his favourite spot, and the celebrated batsman passing his opponent (Dayrell) thirty yards from home, won a capital race by two yards.

Hop, Step, and Jump.—W. G. Grace, 37ft, 1; E. M. Grace, 34ft, 2; W. J. Pocock, 30ft; J. Smith, 30ft; owing to their having already taken a couple of prizes each, the Graces were disqualified, and the others were placed.

Flat Race, One Mile.—W. Easton, Long Ashton, 1; L. Lloyd, Lyon, 2; Dayrell, 3; five ran, but the severity of the course told on all but Easton, who came in full of running, and won easily by an number of yards; time 4min 51sec.

Long Jump.—This was won by Lemon, 14ft 11in; Morgan, Long Ashton, 14ft 7in; but as Lemon had already taken two prizes, he had to resign in favour of Morgan, Bush taking second place.

Handicap, Quarter of a Mile.—R. St. John Hall, Oakfield, 10 yards, 1; Lemon, 10, 2. Thirteen started, and they were handicapped as follows: Godwin, Dayrell, and Hastings, each 5; Adams, 8 yards; Hall, Morgan, Pocock, and Lemon, 10; J. Smith, 12; W. Smith and Bush, 15; Hardwick, 20; and E. Townsend, 30. The youngster (Townsend) ran with much pluck, but Hall and Lemon collared him together at the hill, and a fine neck-and-neck race ensued, Lemon only losing the dead heat by falling at the post; time, 57 sec.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Gilbert Grace, 100yds yards, 1; Bailey,

Stoke Bishop, 91yds, 2; Brotherhood, 91yds, 3; Mr. Grace retired in favour of the others.

Flat Race, Half a Mile.—Dayrell, 1; Lloyd, 2; four started; won easily; time 3 min 50 sec.

One Mile and Half Walking Race.—Cannon, Stoke Bishop, 1; Tucker, 2. Godwin and Adams came in first, and Cannon last, but, with the exception of Cannon, all were disqualified for running. In walking another half-mile for second place, Taylor, who came in first, fouled Tucker a few yards before the post, and was therefore disqualified. All Comers' Race, 400 Yds.—W. G. Grace, 1; W. Easton, 2; two ran; it was a fine struggle between Gilbert Grace and Easton, the latter being in better form, but the uncooperative pluck and determination of the former triumphed. "E. M." put on his spurt this time too late to collar either of his men. Time, 48 sec.

This concluded the sports, and the prizes, a valuable lot of cups, subscribed for by the residents of Long Ashton, were distributed by Mr. Burt, of Wrexall Court.

ATHLETIC FETE AT NORWICH.

The Norwich Gymnastic Society had a brilliant and highly successful fete at Norwich on Thursday. There were about 2,000 persons present.

A 100 yards flat race was won by G. Chamberlin (11½ sec); prize, a drinking mug. A 100 yards flat-race, for boys under 16, was won by Salter; prize, a silver pencil-case. The best performance on the ladder, ropes, trapeze, &c., was made by Stockings; prize, a cup. The prize (a telescope) for the best wide jump, was won by A. G. Chamberlin (17ft 2in). A tankard, given as a prize for vaulting, won by Low (5ft 4in). A 200 yards flat-race was won by G. Chamberlin; prize, a cake basket; 22½ sec. In horizontal bar exercises, Balls was the winner, Low being second; prize, a claret jug. In performances on the horizontal bar, Livock won the prize, a cake basket; a second prize was given to Gardner, who had tied him. A series of exercises on the German horse resulted in favour of Balls. A high match was won by G. Chamberlin (4ft 11in); prize, a drinking cup. A hurdle race of 150 yards, over eight flights of hurdles, was won by G. Chamberlin (20 sec), who ran a deciding heat with Fitch. A one mile race was won by Everett (5min 40sec). The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Nicholls, the wife of the mayor.

MUCH WENLOCK OLYMPIC FESTIVAL.—The athletic sports in connection with the Olympian Society were held at Much Wenlock on Tuesday last, and were highly successful, but we are precluded, by the demands on our space, from noticing them at length.

CANINE.

STANNINGLEY.

ST. THOMAS'S GROUND.—On Saturday last the first heats for Mr. G. Bennett's 200 Yards All England Dog Handicap were gone through. The entries comprised the names of forty-four animals, which were divided into fifteen heats, and were won as follows:—First heat: Blainie's Fanny, of Bradford, 12½ lb, with 38 yds start. Second heat: Johnson's Daisy, of Batley, 15lb, 39. Third heat: Parker's Lucy, Sheffield, 16lb, 37. Fourth heat: Brodie's Cherry, Bradford, 22lb, 44. Fifth heat: Speight's Oliver, Barley, 19½ lb, 43. Sixth heat: Hardestad's Yellow Rose, Bradford, 17lb, 37. Seventh heat: Slater's Talt, Bradford, 18lb, 43. Eighth heat: Anson's Lady Horton, 14lb, 37. Ninth heat: Brodley's Nell, Leeds, 17lb, 30. Tenth heat: Rushton's Alfie, Bradford, 22lb, 43. Eleventh heat: Clayton's Whelp, Bramley, 14lb, 46. Twelfth heat: Dubeys's Tim, Kirkstall, 19½ lb, 42. Thirteenth heat: Taylor's Chip, Rawden, 21lb, 43. Fourteenth heat: Blade's Whiskey, 14½ lb, 38. The above winners were drawn to run off yesterday (Monday), and the following is the result:—Yellow Rose won the first prize, £10; Fanny the second, £4; and Nell the third, £2. Mr. G. Bennett was referee. During the afternoon a 200 yds race took place between J. Speight's dog Catch and A. Priestley's bitch Gipsy, for £5 a side. The bitch was the favourite at slight odds, but her backers were doomed to disappointment, as Catch won by about two yds, he having 5½ yds given on weight account. Mr. G. Bennett was stakeholder and referee.

STALKYBRIDGE.—A dog handicap, distance 200 yds, will be run off on the 16th and 23rd instant, for a prize of £10, in Mr. George Sowards' Recreation Grounds.

STANNINGLEY LEES.—Mr. G. Bennett, who is appointed stakeholder and referee, has received £1 a side for a rabbit coursing match, the best of 15 courses at rabbits, at the St. Thomas's grounds, for £10 a side, on June 23, between J. Jovita's Flora and G. Chapman's Tyler of Bramley, Flora at 11lb and Tyler at 12lb. The match will be run off on Saturday. According to the terms of the match, the best animal received a start of 4 yards, and won by 4½ yards. The winner, P. Woodhead's Kitty and G. Ramsden's Flag of Bradford, which takes place at the above grounds this day (Saturday), Flag to receive three yds start, for £10 a side.—Mr. Bennett has received £5 a side on behalf of the 200 yds race between J. Kendall's Pepper of Bingley and J. Wadsworth's Diana of Cullingbrook, for £10 a side, this day (Saturday).—Mr. Woolfoot has received £1 a side for a coursing match between G. Holroyd's dog Catch and J. Thompson's Dollar, for £10 a side, the best of 21 courses, 60 yds law, on June 23, at the above grounds.

HIGGINSHAM GROUNDS, OLDHAM.—H. Sanderson of Bolton has matched his dog Rover against J. Taylor's Tig of Oldham to run 200 yds, for £20 a side, here on June 23; the heavier quadruped to give two yds and a half to the pound, half inside and half outside.

MANCHESTER.

ROYAL OAK PARK.—Although the weather was very enticing on Monday there was only a small number at this enclosure to witness a race of 200 yards for £10 a side between J. Proctor's Bella and J. Jones's Beauty, both of Birkenhead. Referee, Mr. John Cooper. According to the terms of the match, Bella being 2lb the lighter animal received a start of 4 yards, and won by 4½ yards. The winner, which commenced at 6 to 4, closed at 3 to 1 on the winner.

DEATH OF THE CHAMPION BULL DOG.—The well-known champion bull dog "King Dick" has paid the debt of nature under rather peculiar and interesting circumstances. On Easter Tuesday Mr. Lamplugh, of Handsworth, Birmingham, the owner of the dog, died. After that event "King Dick" exhibited the most profound grief for the loss of his master. He would not rest anywhere except on the chair upon which his master used to sit, and whenever he could get into the room in which he died he gave expression to his feelings in the most vehement howlings, barked low growls, and other vocal signs of sorrow. He refused his food, and on Sunday last he followed his much-loved master. In fact the faithful animal may be said to have died of grief. A rarer instance of canine affection and fidelity has seldom if ever been recorded.

DOG LAW.—A QUESTIONABLE DECISION.—A very questionable decision on a point of dog law was recorded at Hyde Park last week. It seems that Hyde Park is surely infested by a number of ownerless and savage dogs, and the Park constables have received orders to catch them whenever they can, to take them to a place called the Wood-house, and there destroy them. On Wednesday last John Meade, No. 8, pounced upon one of these vagrants, which had long met the Park police at delahue, and was

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

JEM MACE.—We give a large sized portrait of Jem Mace this week, and, as we have in previous numbers furnished full accounts of his performance, we need not enter into any further particulars here. His affair with Goss last week is treated of in another column. Mace possesses a very much better-looking face than do the majority of prize-fighters, and as he stood in the ring with Goss last week he looked in every respect the perfection of manly beauty. Much indeed is it to be regretted that it can be now said of him that he has lived too long for his fame, and that his character for courage and straightforward dealing should have to be called in question by the playing out of such a force as that which was witnessed on the 24th of May.

JEM GOLLAGHER. the subject of another of our illustrations, appears in fighting attitude. He is a rather powerful-looking young fellow, his neck being strong and thick and his shoulders broad and well set. Almost immediately after Mace and Goss had completed their antics and shaken hands, the subject of our present illustration fought a draw with Hicken, the two men exhibiting qualities the very reverse of those which had just been displayed by the would-be aspirants to the championship. Jem Gollagher is one of the foremost of the lightweight of the P. R. He is a native of Somers Town, is 24 years of age, and weighs in condition about 8st 10lbs. He was first taken in hand by Mr. Abrahams, of the Barley Mow, and after one or two minor turns up he was matched with Professor Jones, then looked upon as a rising member of the P. R. After a fine fight, for £20, 100 rounds, lasting 2 hours, on the 9th March, 1861, Gollagher was declared the winner. His next essay was with Young Dutch Sam. The men met on the 9th July, 1861. The match was for £50. After fighting 64 rounds in 80 min., young Dutch Sam was defeated. Jem now had some difficulty in getting on a match, and he was for some time in vain challenging any one at his weight. He was at last matched with Jack Hicks to fight for £100 a side in the same ring as Tom King and Jem Mace fought the second time. After fighting for 107 minutes, in which they got through 58 rounds, darkness came on and the men agreed to draw the stakes. A short time ago Gollagher met with an accident to his left eye, and was for some time in the hospital, and upon recovering made his late match with Hicken, of Wolverhampton, of which we gave a full account last week, and we must reiterate our opinion that a better fight was never witnessed. Since our last went to press Gollagher and Hicken agreed to draw stakes, but Gollagher is anxious for another try with his provincial opponent, and offers to double the stakes and fight again. Jem is a very civil, quiet, and unassuming pugilist—one of the few who do the ring credit.

We announced in our last that we should this week give a life-like portrait of Mrs. Charles Kean, the eminent actress, but are reluctantly compelled to defer its publication.

TOMMYGTON, the winner of the recent Oaks Stakes at Epsom, is a bay filly (bred by the late Mr. Groville) by King Tom out of Torment by Alarm, her dam by Glencoe out of Alea by Whalebone. She is as common a looking mare as ever was saddled, for, though with some good points, there is a deal to pull her down again. She has a plain head, with a small eye, a light weak neck, but with famous, well-laid, strong shoulders, one of her finest features. She is deep in the girth, and has a good wide chest. Has a slack hollow back, a fine loin, and really slashing quarters, with great length from hip to the whipl-bone, and then again to the stifle. As a set off, however, she has fearfully bad canby hocks, is small in her knees, tight in her bone, and altogether anything but prepossessing in appearance to the judge of a horse, and a striking example of the old axiom that "they will run in all ships."

BILLY DUNCAN, late inspector of the P. R. constables, has gone to his long home, but he will not soon be forgotten, as he was ever civil and obliging and won a host of friends, who, we hope, will not forget his sorrowing widow. Billy died on Tuesday last week from an attack of paralysis, and was buried on the following Friday at Abney Park Cemetery.

STEPHENSON AND CAPFYN, whose portraits adorn our this week's number, are two leading cricketers, both natives of the county of Surrey, one of the most cricket-producing counties in England—H. H. Stephenson is now a little over 33 years of age, having been born on



BILLY DUNCAN,
Late Inspector of the Prize Ring Constables.

the 3rd of May, at Esher, in Surrey. It is related of him that he formed so early an attachment to cricket that at the age of 14 he formed one of the first eleven of his native village. We next hear of him at the age of 20 assuming the important position of wicket-keeper as one of the Surrey eleven in the last match of the season. He subsequently, however, became famous in his native county as a bowler, and he was soon engaged by Clarke, the captain and secretary of the All England Eleven, to play in all their matches. At the University of Oxford he sustained severe injury in his arm, which incapacitated him from bowling for two whole seasons. He was not, however, idle, for, strange to say, the injury did not prevent him batting, and for several years he retained the post of wicket-keeper to the All England Eleven. His subsequent performances are well known—how he gained troops of friends in his visit to America, and filled his position as captain of the great match played in Australia—up to the present time. **WILLIAM CAPFYN** is five years older, having been born at Reigate, Surrey, in February, 1828. Like Stephenson, he took the cricket field at a very early age, and played in all the parish and great matches of his neighbourhood with great success, till 1849, when he played in the first match at Kensington Oval. In 1850 he was chosen one of the Surrey Eleven, and the same year was taken into the All England Eleven. He remained with them for four years, after which he left them and joined the United All England Eleven. He, too, was one of the plucky twelve who visited the Antipodes, where he played admirably.

Our illustration of the *Meeting* between Mace and Goss on the 24th ult. speaks so far for itself that it will be at once observed there is no intention of representing the scene of an actual fight—fight, of course there was none, unless indeed the cowardly assault by (we regret to say) a member of the P. R. upon a policeman, is to be deemed worthy of such an appellation. The scene at Farringham on the occasion we are referring to is one we hope never will be repeated. Whether or not prize fighting is doomed to an early death is a question we are not here prepared to enter into, but there can be no doubt that the performance of Mace and Goss the other day has dealt a blow to the P. R. which it cannot soon recover. We confess that we do not regret to learn that since this affair has come off both men have been obliged to make themselves scarce in "the public" to which they, in common with the other leading supporters of the "noble art" resort. The ring would be nothing without its patrons, and it is quite certain that if some means are not adopted to prevent the recurrence of such a farce as that in which Mace and Goss have been the performers, any future attempt to make the "Corinthians" pay their money for the sake of being present at a good fight will be utterly fruitless.

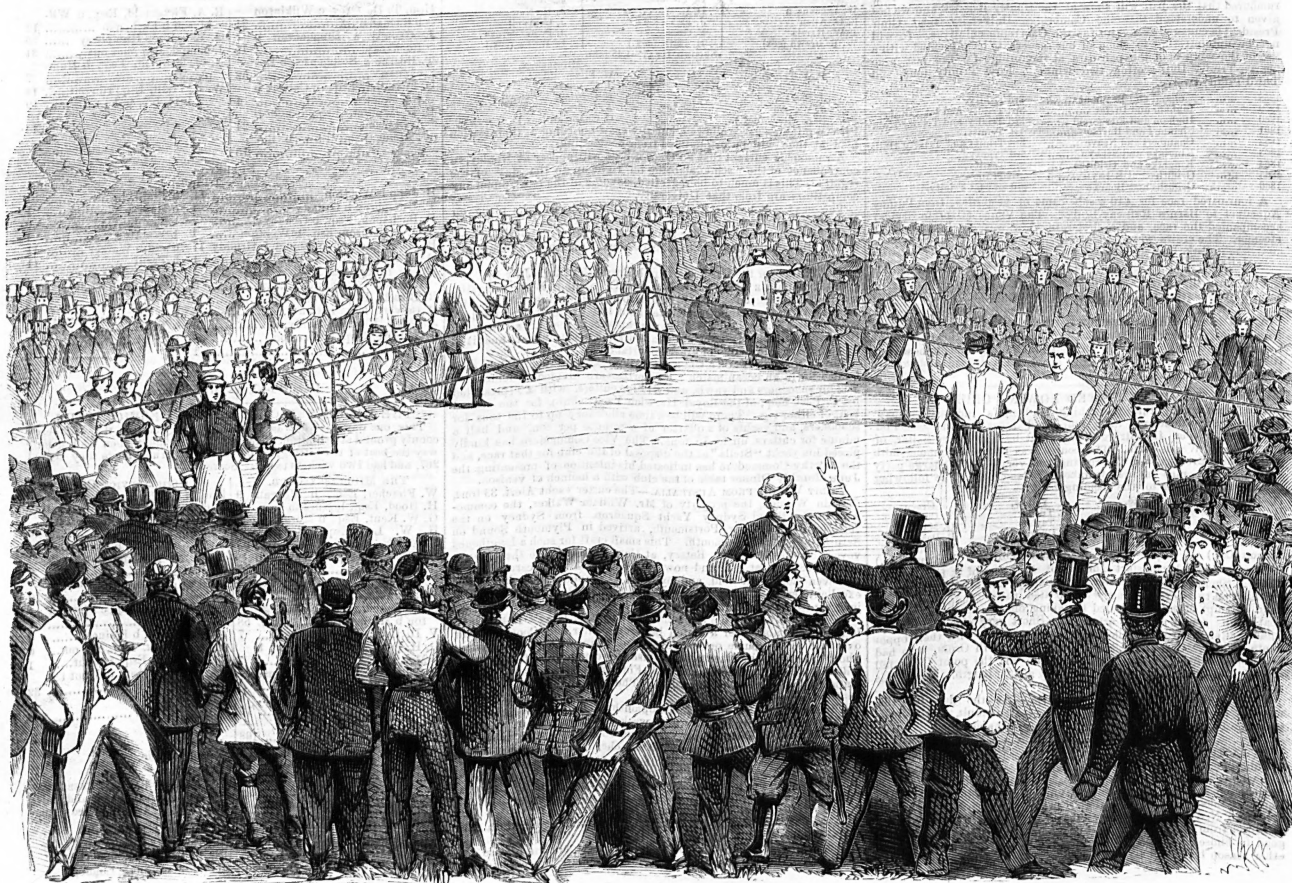
KNURR AND SPELL.

BARNSELY.

HEATH COMMON.—On Monday last a match for £15 a side, 30 rises each, with wood knurrs, was played between Allen Benson, of Bristol, near Dewbury, and Job Backhouse, of Applewell, near Barnsley. The attendance was very good, from 600 to 700 persons being present. There was a good deal of betting, Backhouse being the favourite at the opening at 25s. to £1, and when half the game was decided at 3 to 1. The following score will show the result of each rise:—Backhouse, 10, 9, 10, 11, 3, 10, 9, 9, 7, 10, 9, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9, 10, 3, 8, 9, 9, 10, 8, 9, 7, 7, 9, 7. Benson, 9, 7, 8, 5, 9, 9, 8, 8, 9, 5, 6, 10, 5, 8, 9, 9, 10, 9, 9, 10, 10, 3, 9, 8, 6, 8, 8. Backhouse won by 18 score. Mr. Jackson, of Heckmondwike, was stakeholder.

Mr. Parrington has just issued the prize list for the York Hound Show, which will be held on Friday, Aug. 3. There are in all six classes, the first for two couple of entered dog hounds, the second for two couple of entered bitches, the third for an unentered dog hound, the fourth for an unentered bitch, the fifth for stallion hounds, and the sixth for brood bitches. The entries must be made by the last day of June. It is said that the Prince of Wales has consented to become a patron of the show.

Damages to the amount of 30 gs. and costs have been awarded recently in the Oxford County Court, at the suit of a Miss Lovell, against Mrs. Balachey, whose retriever dog had bitten the former lady.



THE LATE MEET FOR THE P. R. CHAMPIONSHIP.



JEM MACE, who met JOE GOSS in the P.R. last week.

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK.

PRINCE OF WALES.
In spite of the combination of attractions presented by "One Hundred Thousand Pounds," and "The Goose with the Golden Eggs," the management have decided to go on with the production of the latter, and change in their bill. The new little comic drama, "The Bonnie Fishwife," has the honour of this being brought to, the fore, is now taking the place of "The Goose with the Golden Eggs." This capital little piece, one of not a few that will keep the name of the late Charles Selby green for many a day to come, had, too, on its production on this theatre of Miss Louisa Moore, lady of the first appearance in the theatre of the present season. In the production of "The Bonnie Fishwife," and sister of Miss Nelly of the Haymarket. Miss Moore plays the marquisading Miss Thistle-down; and in the pretty dress and prettier Scotch patois of the Newhaven Fish-wife, the lady appears to great advantage. The production in the order in her hands differs from most of the previous renderings, and the lady from her own that quite compensate for the charms it has not. The particular charm of Miss Moore's acting in this part is the exquisite assumption

SUREBLY. English opera, after its latest signal and somewhat singular collapse at Covent Garden, once more rears its head, the New Surrey Theatre this time being the scene. Madame Jenny Baird has opened this house for a summer season of English opera, and, in addition, by securing the co-operation of the celebrated Louis Bremond, as conductor and manager, has gathered together, in no small degree from the disbanded ranks of the unfortunate English Opera Company, a numerous and tolerably efficient company. The season opened on Monday evening with Ballo's "Matanella," and the "Fever of Love." Madame Jenny Baird has been wonderfully successful and famous in the original production of the opera, during the Fyfe and Harrison regime at Covent

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CREMORNE.

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We regret to have to report the death, at the early age of 25, of Mrs. John Haynes, better known as Miss Cottrell, which event took place very suddenly on Monday last. The lady had of late been suffering from a long and painful illness, and her good abilities were considerable. In pursuance of this object she joined Mr. Mapleton's troupe at Her Majesty's Theatre. There, under the name of Miss Edie, she has, during the present season, filled several roles in a highly promising manner, and, there, while rehearsing her part of Lisa in *La Sonnambula* on Saturday week, she was suddenly stricken down, and died on the following Monday she died. Miss Cottrell will be recollected as a very pleasing comedienne and piquant burlesque actress at the Olympic, and afterwards at the St. James's. She came to London from the Brighton Theatre.

Mr. Edward Falconer's case has been again before the Bankruptcy Court. Assignees were chosen, and debts proved to the amount of about £4,000. It is thought that Mr. Falconer's application to be released from Whitecross-street Prison, where he is, will be acceded to at the next hearing.

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MR. PRINGLE, who will win him every success. He has appeared in "Hamlet," "The Lady of Lyons," "Still Waters Run Deep," and "The Merchant of Venice," and received the assistance from Miss Reinhardt. We need hardly add that Mr. Montgomery's reputation was well established.

PRINGLE'S THEATRE.—Mr. Charles Calvert has appeared during the week, and the part of Ophelia being ably represented by Mrs. Calvert. The concluding piece has been "Betty Baker."

QUEEN'S THEATRE.—"Isabel," "The Willow Copse," "The Betting Boy's Career," &c., have been the bill of fare this week, and the attendance has been good.

ALEXANDRA MUSIC HALL.—The great McNeelan has appeared during the week with immense success, and thunders of applause have greeted the champion.

LONDON MUSIC HALL.—The imposing spectacle of "The Gathering of the Clans" has been reproduced here with

being crowded nightly.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THEATRE ROYAL.—The English Opera Company.

Mr. G. B. Loveday has taken well since their appearance. As a body they are highly talented. On Monday, Wallace's "Maritana" was played with brilliant effect. "Norma" was produced on Tuesday, and on Wednesday Crown Diamonds. The company could scarcely be a better one and they therefore deserve the fullest support.

Oxford Music Hall.—There is a first-class company here, and the laudable efforts of Messrs. Bagnall and Rakey to please their patrons have met with every encouragement. Mr. J. S. Milburn, an exceptional favourite has been a third time engaged. As a sensational comedian, vocalist, and dancer, we know

new better. The Brothers Mortimer, operatic and burlesque artistes, have made an immense hit. Their burlesque sketches are from the principal operas, are lively and racy in the extreme, and their vocalisation excellent. Mr. Sam Dawson is an excellent comic, and quite a pet with the audience. His energy is very acceptable, and his execution is on a par. Miss Nelly Connell's Scotch ballads have reaped good opinions. Mr. Carl Brenner, tenor, has achieved a success. He has a very good voice, and distinct diction.

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He then opened, and his already become a very great favourite. Signor Sextillion appeared on Monday, and was received with the most unbounded applause; he is the most graceful acrobat we have ever seen. Miss Courtney, serio comic; Mr. Charles Stanley, comic; Miss Maggie Astrop, ballad vocalist; Mr. and Mrs. R. Templeton, comic duettists; Miss Kate Stanley, serio-comic; Mr. and Mrs. Taaff, duologue artists, are also engaged. Business first-class. THE LONDON NEW MUSIC HALL.—The Dilworth Road.

Provincial Theatricals.

THEATRE AND GARDENS.—We have here a new extravaganza by Mr. J. E. Roe, entitled "Ho-Mi-Hi, or the Magic Elixir." It is a success, and it well deserves to be so. The points of waggery and scenic illusions are first-rate, while some sparkling dances bring out Miss Laura Jameson to advantage. Miss M. Fiddes personates a Dundreariish courtier capitally, and Miss Fanny Howell, a French girl.

Mr. H. Clarine's role as an "elf" of Aladdin scamp, is the very soul of vivacity. Mr. W. Leicester respectfully enacts a Persian Shah. Ethardo, the spiral ascensionist, is to appear on the 9th and 9th inst.

SWANSEA.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Mrs. Charles Pitt, of the Theatre Royal, Sheffield, commenced a short summer season at this house on Monday. There was a crowded audience. The company is numerous, and comprises Miss Fanny Pitt, Miss Florence Charles, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Ellen Ritta, Miss Emma Ritta, Miss Kate Leigh, Mrs. Arnold, Mr. G. Graham, Miss Egan, Mrs. Brindley, Miss Lottie Pitt, Miss Charles Pitt, Mr. G. Graham, Miss Egan, Mrs. Brindley, Miss Lottie Pitt.

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ANGLING.

[Secretaries of societies and fishermen of whatever taste or peculiarity, are respectfully requested to forward contributions concerning the prospects of their localities, and any interesting information relative to this delightful branch of sport, the season for which will soon be at its zenith. Contributions on Rowing and Swimming receive every attention at our hands.]

A FINE TROUT IN THE AIRE.—On Tuesday morning a large male trout was caught in the river Aire, by Mr. Adam Ellison, of Steeton. It weighed 7½ lb., and measured 25 inches long, 6 inches broad, and 16 inches in circumference.—*Keighley News.*

RARE FISH FOUND AT MEVAGISSEY.—The remarkable scarlet and gold fish found near Mevagissey, and forwarded to Mr. Jonathan Couch, of Polperro, by Mr. M. Dunn, has been identified as being the Ansonia. Mr. Couch adds: "There are none of the kind in the British Museum, nor, I believe, anywhere else in England or in France, but the fish has been seen at Madeira, and rarely in the Mediterranean."—*Western Morning News.*

THE "GOURNANT."—A Madras paper says: "We regret to learn that of the sixteen fish from the Mauritius, landed on the 30th, and sent up on the evening of the 31st to Guindy Park, only one is alive, owing to the carelessness and stupidity of the gardener, who, instead of obeying the orders he had received, by at once placing these fish in the tanks, left them all night in the tub, and on the following morning fifteen were dead. There is, however, no doubt that Sir H. Barkly will send a further supply, and with more careful management they will probably thrive well, and attain a large size."

WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION OF FISH.—The river Leven has from time immemorial been noted as a trout water. We are therefore sorry to learn that the tank of the gascromer, having been emptied this week, the water was pumped and allowed to flow into the river, the effect of which and act has been the total destruction of the fish from this town to where the Leven unites with the Tees below Yarm. Large quantities of trout and other fish were taken out of the water dead and dying on Tuesday last.—*York Herald.*

THAMES ANGLING PRESERVATION SOCIETY.—At the twenty-seventh annual meeting recently held at the London Tavern, Mr. W. H. Brougham, the secretary, read the report of the Sub-Committee of Pisciculture (Mr. Stephen Ponder and Mr. Frank Buckland) from which it appeared that the young fry removed from the apparatus at Hampton to the receiving ponds at Sunbury amounted to—salmon, 14,500, salmon trout, 510, great lake trout, 350, common trout, 20,720, char-ombre chevalier, 1,300, and in addition to these 1,000 have been sent to the royal lakes at Windsor of the great lake trout, making an aggregate number of 28,780. It also stated that trout had been turned into the river at Panton Hook, and also with some salmon in the stream below Sunbury weir, and they had been taken in the small nets, the fish having much improved in size. Mr. W. H. Flennell in proposing the adoption of the report, said that he had much pleasure in doing so, and could not express sufficient surprise to see so many gentlemen subscribing such large sums for a sport which was chiefly for the benefit of others. The salmon went to the sea and returned, but the trout was local. If the river could be kept clean and preserved the salmon would flourish, and the trout would have to be properly protected in the spawning season, more particularly against the dace, who always infested the grounds during the spawning season, and were great destroyers of the ova. He hoped that they would persevere in their efforts, more especially in the propagation of the trout, which was most important. Mr. F. Buckland seconded the report, and remarked upon the great benefit the society would receive from the engagement of keepers for the special service of the society. Mr. Ponder said that after such an excellent report he had nothing to say, except in respect to the Thames Navigation Bill, which, if passed, would place the jurisdiction of the Thames under the hands of the board, which would be a great advantage, as it would give them power not only of stopping the sewage flowing into the Thames, but of throwing the onus as to whether it was a nuisance or not, from the shoulders of those who allowed the sewage so to flow. The usual compliments to the chairman and secretary concluded the proceedings.

WHITEBAIT.—In consequence of the improved condition of the Thames water, large quantities of whitebait are now caught off Greenwich, and as far up as Ebbw, and forwarded to London by railway daily.

SALMON FISHERIES.—The salmon fishings on the northern rivers have been moderately successful during the past week. The prospects for the remainder of the season, as far as one can judge from present appearances, are fair. On the Spey, anglers have had pretty fair sport during the week. Mr. Gilmour at Rothers got a few fine salmon and Colonel Bowles also had a few on the Arndilly water. In that quarter the sport has, on the whole, improved a little. The river is in very good order. Since last week a good few salmon have found their way to the upper districts of the Spey. On Thursday and Friday some good fish were taken in the Ballindaloch water. On Saturday, Sir George Macpherson Grant, Bart., landed a fine salmon of 10½ lb.—*Bangor News.*

THE PERTSHIRE RIVERS.—The Tay is now so low as to be out of all play for angling for salmon, unless on some good pool at early dawn or in the evening when the water is very clear, and the burning rays of the sun make any attempt at fishing during the day foolish.

Indeed, few or none of the lessees of the various waters have thought it worth while to fish for a fortnight. Nor will any sport be looked for till we get a spate, of which there is no present appearance. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, however, a fish or two has been got on the upper waters. At Clunie, in Strath-tay, one of 10½ lb. has been got; and the keepers at Grandtully have had two—11½ lb. and 15½ lb. Our Kinclaven correspondent says:—"The water is now so very low, that few places are in order for fishing, and even in these there are no fish. Not a single salmon has been got on any other waters here, and there is not much prospect of anything being done, unless we get a spate soon." On the Shee summer has at length burst in full meridian splendour. The cuckoo, with melodious throat and monotonous song, takes his arrowy flight, and the twittering swallow bows along, whilst the sparkling waters gurgles to the sea. As it is the waters we have chiefly to do with, we will proceed at once to give a brief account of what has been done on them. On Wednesday, the 16th, Mr. Walker, of Glen Kilry, killed 6½ dozen; on the 17th,

commissioners have come in, I fear, likely to be very detrimental to the usefulness of many recommendations which they have made. This conclusion is, that it is impossible to clear off an oyster-bed by dredging, so that sufficient oysters shall not be left to stock it, and that long before it is cleared it will not pay to dredge it, and therefore there needs no direct restriction upon oyster dredging; but if an oyster-bed be so far depopulated that for a long period it does not pay to dredge or work it, sludge, mud, and slime of necessity settle on it, and rain swarms upon it so that even if a patting season should come the spat will perish, and the site is thus destroyed effectually and entirely. We cannot either deal with this point as it is proposed to, by any warrant of previous experience, as the public beds have never been reduced to the state of desolation which they are in now on any former occasion. It will, therefore, be extremely dangerous to the existence of our public beds to permit unchecked dredging of them, and the mere appointment of a close season will be quite useless to prevent the destruction, because it may very well happen that there is nothing left on the beds to make a close season for. So sweeping are the measures now brought to bear on the public beds, that a few months will easily suffice to clean them out, and the only possible way to prevent their extinction is by exercising some regular and stringent supervision over them. To this end certain inspectors should be appointed to test the

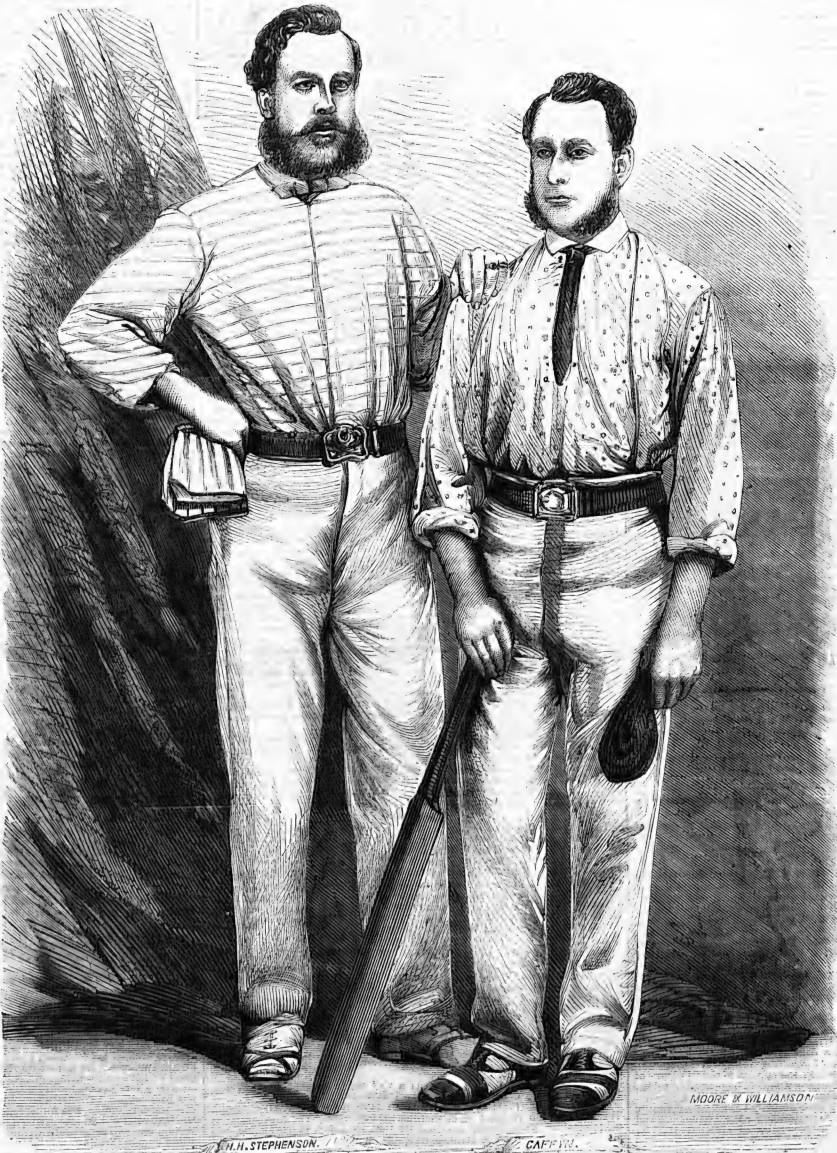
beds from time to time, and when in their judgment, as many oysters have been dredged up as the beds can fairly spare, notice should be issued by the Board of Trade that further dredging for the season is prohibited. If something of this kind be not done, then we may bid farewell to our public oyster-beds; for so great is the present demand for brood, and so high the price, that I do not believe there is any other possible way of meeting the difficulty and checking the destruction. With respect to any other legislation, it would be necessary to impose upon all public beds a fence time from May till the 15th of August inclusive. For deep sea-oysters, however, I would except May, as the oysters are perfectly good in the generality of localities in May. Private beds need no restrictive legislation. Their proprietors manage them already for the most part admirably, and any attempt to interfere with them would be merely vexatious without possibly being beneficial. In taking new grounds it is desirable as much as possible to develop and enlarge the old ones, as they afford by far the best guarantee that the best ground granted to them by the Government will be turned to the best account, and at the smallest cost will return the largest number of oysters to the public; and when new oyster locations are to be taken up satisfactory evidence should be given to the Government that the ground is capable of producing good marketable oysters before any grant is made of the same. If this be not done, the whole trade will be unengaged, speculation will be injured and checked, and we shall vastly increase instead of diminishing the price of oysters in the future.

WINDERMERE OYSTER FISHERIES.—Though the cold east winds keep the clear down in the deep water, a goodly number were captured last week. The laths or the rods are of no use, the "drop-line" twenty-five or thirty yards deep is the only engine of destruction. One gentleman took during the week 74 fine fish, some others have averaged ten a day, but far better things are yet expected and hoped for. The green drake is on the lake, but not in numbers to interfere with the fly fishing.—*Westmorland Gazette.*

A strenuous effort is, it is said, about to be made to restore the streams about Ludlow, in Shropshire, to that prestige they once held amongst anglers, and from which, more particularly of late years, they have so sadly fallen off.

THE CORNISH AND DEVON FISHERIES.—In the week ended on Monday last the vessels and boats on the coasts of Dorset and Devon were very successful; on Friday night the Mount's Bay and St. Ivo's fleets averaged nearly 2,000 per boat, and the local markets were consequently glutted, notwithstanding the large transit to London and the great northern markets.

THE SALMON FISHERY ACT, 1865.—The Special Commissioners appointed under the Salmon Fishery Act, 1865, to inquire into the legality of the fixed nets and engines used in the salmon rivers of England have just completed their sittings at Newport and Chaplow for the Usk and Wye estuaries and portions of the Severn estuary, and have delivered some important decisions bearing on the question of the use of putches in the tide-way of those rivers for taking salmon. The decisions (which were reserved at Newport) were delivered by Mr. E. Eden, the Chief Commissioner, at the Chaptow sitting of the commissioners this week. A claim made by the Duke of Beaufort to a fishery at Redwick, on the Severn estuary, was one which guided numerous other cases, and the Chief Commissioner, in delivering judgment, said it had been proved that the Duke had had control over the river and right to use a rank of putches—a large wicker contrivance for catching small fish, and which sometimes took salmon, and that some time between 1843 and 1848 putches—a smaller wicker contrivance used solely for taking salmon—had been introduced and used at 250 yards' distance from the site of the putches. The court decided that fishing by means of putches was a different mode of fishing from that by putches. The fishery right was claimed under a charter of Edward I., who confirmed a grant by the Earl of Pembroke to the abbot and monks of Tintern Abbey of lands and a fishery right. No particular user, however, was mentioned in the grant, and the court decided that the right to use one mode of fishing in a navigable river could not authorise the use of a different mode of fishing established on a different site, even though the sites (as was not the case here) were within the limits of the several fishery, if such different mode was also a derogation.



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he killed 2½ dozen. On the 16th, Mr. Davidson killed 2 dozen; on the same day, Mr. James Grant, in two hours, had 3 dozen. On the 16th, Mr. Walker killed 5 dozen; on the 16th, Mr. Wallace took 1 dozen. Mr. Walker had previously been taking daily from 5 to 7 dozen, some of them more than a pound in weight. Here, as in Isla, the trout are very numerous, and rapidly getting into condition. The water is very small; and rain coming now, with good fishing weather, great sport may be looked for.

Loch Leane, or Schochornich, has not as yet been much fished upon. We have heard of nothing being caught up to the time of writing this, though, we believe, some parties have been upon it. Loch-na-Neon.—This really beautiful sheet of water is at length open, the ice having now all vanished, and no doubt its lovely islands will soon be visited by anglers in pursuit of sport. Loch Brad-Achan has been free of ice only for the last fortnight, and the snow still lies thickly around its sides. The months of July and August are the best months for visiting this very out of the way, but good loch.—*Perthshire Journal.*

RENOVATION OF OUR OYSTER FISHERIES.—Mr. Francis, writing to the *Full Mouth Gazette* of the 18th inst., says:—"The most effectual and self-evident thing which we have left to do is the saving from destruction of our public beds, because they are the great feeders of the private beds whence we obtain our supplies of the better classes of oysters. Partly with the view to effect this we have had a Royal Commission, which has taken a great deal of evidence, and which has made certain recommendations. But one conclusion to which the

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